

**PATENT**  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: SECURE EXCHANGE OF  
OBJECTS IN A  
DISTRIBUTED  
COMPUTING  
ENVIRONMENT

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 28, 2007

### Mail Stop Amendment

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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of December 28, 2007, to further highlight why the application is in condition for allowance.

Please amend the case as listed below